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To: All pharmacies licensed in Nebraska

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**Nebraska Parkinson's Disease Registry:
Mandatory Reporting Reactivated for Pharmacies**

As of February 1, 2006, all physicians and pharmacies that are licensed in Nebraska are once again required to report to the Nebraska Parkinson's Disease Registry. The Registry had been terminated in October of 2004 due to lack of funding.

The Parkinson's Disease Registry was created by an act of the Nebraska Legislature in 1996 that made Parkinson's Disease a reportable disease, and authorized both physicians and pharmacists to release patient-specific information to the Registry. Since this is a State mandated registry, it is exempt from HIPAA disclosure issues; patient consent is not needed for you to report the information requested. Please see our website at www.hhss.ne.gov/ced/parkinson/law.htm for the statute and the rules and regulations.

According to Section 4-003 of the Rules and Regulations for the Parkinson's Disease Registry, Title 186 NAC 4, we are required to provide a 'Reportable List of Drugs,' which, if dispensed, necessitates reporting on your part. The Parkinson's Disease Registry Advisory Committee has decided that rasagiline will be added to the list to be effective February 1, 2006. Therefore, effective February 1, 2006, pharmacies will be required to report patients receiving prescriptions for the following drugs: carbidopa/levodopa, entacapone, pergolide, pramipexole, rasagiline, ropinirole, selegiline, Stalevo, and tolcapone in any generic or brand-name form.

Pharmacists are required to report drugs prescribed from January to June by July 31st of the same year and drugs dispensed from July to December by January 31st of the following year. Please report any cases that may have been missed while the Registry was inactive. This will ensure a complete and accurate database. Forms for reporting to the Nebraska Parkinson's Disease Registry can be accessed at our website www.hhss.ne.gov/ced/parkinson/forms.htm. Please be sure to submit the form for pharmacists. We are currently working on an internet-based reporting form and will notify you when it is available.

Parkinson's disease data may be sent to:

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